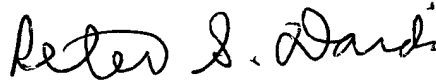


confirm that the serial number originally listed in the specification was inadvertently entered incorrectly. No new matter is introduced.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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Specification As Amended

At page 26, lines 11-14, the paragraph has been amended as indicated.

Tissue crosslinked with dialdehydes can be treated to remove the cytotoxicity. Preferred compositions for the treatment of aldehyde crosslinked tissue are described further in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application, serial number 09/[666,823]480,437 to Ashworth et al., entitled "Biocompatible Prosthetic Tissue," incorporated herein by reference.